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WATSON'S

IMPROVED CARBO-CAMPHYLENE

Is Distinguished by a White Label in addition
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Is miscible in Water in all proportions.

ITS MISCIBILITY IN WATER

Combined with its Agreeable and Refreshing
odour will Command it to the Public for General
Use, as it is an Elegant, Agreeable, and Perfect
Disinfectant for Sick-rooms, Bed-rooms, Bath-
rooms and all necessary vessels therein. For all
purposes it should be diluted freely with Water.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

As a Safford in visiting—

A little sprinkled on the handkerchief or
cotton wool and kept in front of the nose and
mouth in infected rooms or in passing through
infected districts is strongly recommended.For washing the face and hands—A tea-
spoonful to a gallon of water.

For the Bath—A table-spoonful or less.

For Sick-rooms and Bed-rooms—A tea-
spoonful or more distributed in saucers round
the room or evaporated by the aid of a lamp.For Sprinkling or Spray—A wine-glassful to
a pint of water.

As a MOUTH WASH

a few drops in a tumbler of water.

FOR WASHING DOGS.

a table-spoonful to a bucket of water.

THE IMPROVED CARBO-CAMPHYLENE

Converts the waste of bath water into a Valuable
Disinfectant, in that passing through the down-
spouts and stretch-traps destroys mosquito germs
and removes bad smells. Its use in the bath
has a most beneficial effect on the skin and
greatly reduces the risk of infection.

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BIRTH.

At Chinkiang, on the 6th of July, the wife of
the Rev. S. I. WOODBRIDGE, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1894.

THE PUBLIC AND ITS SERVANTS.

We have it on the authority of Holy Writ that
the Great Nazarene who gently but firmly
laid down the doctrine that the Sabbath
was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; and
who is to decide for the people of Hongkong whether
the Public Works Department exists for the
public or for the public for the P.W.D. This query
has been agitating the minds of a large number
of residents of late, and it is about time that the
question was decisively settled. Such delicate
subjects require delicate handling, for the fine
feelings, the *amour propre* and a dozen other
eccentricities invariably possessed by Hongkong
Civil Servants have to be considered, so also have
the discomforts of an excessively hot summer,
probable attacks of prickly-heat and odd mosquito
bites from which the head of the P.W.D. may be
suffering. This official, who is, of course, an
acting deputy, or a deputy acting something, is
named Tooker—H. P. Tooker, and is noted for
self-sacrifice, great oratorical powers and a
past-mastership in the arts of system and
pragmatism, to say nothing of orthodoxy. His
devotion to duty, his brilliant career at Sanitary
Board meetings and his Chesterfieldian
letters published in the *Hongkong Telegraph*
on the 11th inst. prove all this. All these fine
qualities are well enough in their way but either
separately or combined, do not go to the heart

levelling an upturned road or paving a broken
street. If the public employed Mr. H. P. Tooker
as an orator or an ink-slinger, then possibly
he would be more highly appreciated; but
unfortunately it is not in either of those capacities
that this young genius is required to
shine, his line of country lying rather
in the direction of a road and drain
maker, or shall we say "muller"? There is one thing certain (and the
sooner the fact is realized and acted on
by the Acting Director of Public Works the
better will it be for him and the public
who will eventually pay dearly for the neglig-
ence of this costly Department), and it is that
the majority of the roads on the island are
in a most disgraceful condition, and are
daily going from bad to worse. Last
week a private citizen took the trouble to draw
the attention of Mr. H. P. Tooker to this
fact; and pointed out to him the many dangers
existing in the streets in the Eastern districts,
but instead of receiving thanks and having
his complaint at once attended to by the self-
constituted Autocrat of the Roads and of Civil
Service counter-attacks, he was actually "laid
out" to be offensive, and succeeded in making
himself ridiculous and the laughing-stock of
the community. For what are Mr. Tooker and
the other ornaments to this enormously expen-
sive service paid? Is it not his duty, or rather that
of his immediate subordinates, to periodically
examine the streets? Or are the thoroughfares of
the colony to be left demoralized until the rains
and ordinary wear and tear of the traffic cause
caverns to be worn deep enough to take in not
only the unwary pedestrian and the unceremonious
ricksha, but even a carriage and pair?

The insolent, off-hand reply which Mr.
Anthony Babington received from the Acting
Director of Public Works would indicate that it
was anybody's duty rather than that of this
well-paid official to attend to the condition of the
roads. How much longer will the ratepayers
tolerate these arrogant assumptions? Incom-
petence, neglect, or an assumed superior knowl-
edge that a public servant are bad enough,
but when any such shortcomings are
supplemented by impudence—ill-spelled and
ungrammatical impudence at that—the last
straw has surely been added to the taxpayer's
burden. There is scarcely a roadway on the
island but needs an immediate survey and
repairs. Queen's Road contains more man-traps
at the present moment than in all its
history, and its condition is also that of the
majority of our streets and roads. Every day's
way and every shower of rain that falls adds to
damage, and without doubt, unless the Depart-
ment is at once stirred up to something like
activity, thousands of dollars will be used in
repairing damages which but a few months ago
could have been covered by a few cents. The
public has lately had its eyes opened to the
working of the P. W. D. and seems slow to
move, but when it does make its mind up—all
there will be waiting and gnashing of teeth
among its officials both great and small.

TELEGRAMS.

CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

LONDON, July 16th.

There is a general spread of cholera in Russia.
Great alarm is felt in St. Petersburg, where
300 deaths have occurred during the past week.

ANARCHISTS ON THE WAR-PATH.

A plot has been discovered at Toulon, the
object of which was to destroy the Arsenal and
burn the new ironclad *Carnot*.

FRENCH NATIONAL FETE.

Owing to the recent assassination of President
Carnot, the Fête de la Bastille was observed to
a very limited extent in Paris and the provinces.

THE KOREAN DIFFICULTY.

China has also accepted the proffered
mediation of Great Britain.

A LUCKY DOCTOR.

Dr. Williams, the accoucheur to H. R. H. the
Duchess of York, receives a baronetcy.THE EARTHQUAKES AT
CONSTANTINOPLE.Shocks still continue in the vicinity of
Constantinople, and a number of fatalities are
reported.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, June 28th.

The *Times* correspondent at Tientsin states
that Li Hung-chang considers that the Japanese
have violated the law of nations and treaties by
their proceedings in Korea; but his Excellency
will endeavour to preserve peace without
dishonour to China.The *Times* Tientsin correspondent states that
the Japanese now occupy Seoul, and that the
King of Korea is virtually a prisoner. China
has refused to co-operate with Japan in imposing
fiscal reforms in Korea.

THE KOREAN CRISIS.

(From Japanese Papers.)

The reported appointment of General Liu
Ming-chuan as Commander-in-Chief of the
Chinese troops in Korea, is ascertained to be a
fact. The General has been recalled to the
capital, and the Seiji troops await his arrival.The report that Viceroy Li has been summoned
to Peking has been ascertained to be groundless.It is stated that preparations are being made
to receive the Chinese troops at Kwang, distant
about two miles from the capital.

GREAT BRITAIN AND KOREA.

(Special to the Hongkong Telegraph.)

SKOUL, July 15th.

No change in the political situation.
It is reported that Great Britain was prompted
by the Chinese Government to offer to mediate,
but that Japan will not entertain the proposal.
War between China and Japan still seems
inevitable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Japan* left
London for this port on the 14th inst.THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.)
inform us that the steamer *Ararat*, after
from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yester-
day afternoon.LU, Viceroy of Nanking, is stated to have two
battalions of Liang "braves" (Hunan men)
fully equipped and ready to start to man the
forts lately erected at Chefoo.Active operations have been resumed at the
Charbonnages Co's belquette factory at Yau-
ma-tei. There is now a brisk and ever-increasing
demand for this fuel.An Emergency meeting of Zeland Lodge, No.
23, will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zeland
Street, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 8.30 p.m.
The meeting is for the purpose of raising funds
for the relief of the famine in China.THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Java* left
Bombay for this port on the 14th inst.THE July Criminal Sessions will be opened at
to-morrow morning with four indict-
ments on the calendar.THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malacca*, from
Calcutta, arrived at London on the morning of the
16th inst.A CHINESE gunboat ran into the British barque
Contest at Pagoda Anchorage the other day, the
latter lying at anchor. The barque's cargo will
have to be discharged before the damages she
sustained can be properly repaired.A PUBLIC PARK in the centre of the Race-
course is the latest boon which the Shanghai
Municipal Council intend adding to the nume-
rous other privileges enjoyed by a most fortunate
community. It is expected to be ready for
opening at the New Year.If Chinese reports are worthy of credence, Li
Hung-chang has ordered that no Japanese war-
ships are to be allowed to pass Woungang, and
if any are anchored in the Whangpoo they are
to be destroyed. This latest order, if given by
any European Government, would be tantamount
to a declaration of war.We are glad to learn that a once well-known
Hongkong hand, to wit Capt. Wallace, of the
China Merchants' steamer *Pengchow*, has been
decorated with a button by Li Hung-chang in
recognition of his services in the late naval
review. The great Viceroy also gave a month's
extra pay to all on board the *Pengchow*.Recent advices from Nanking state that prepara-
tions for war are being actively carried on. The
troops are drilling incessantly, the forts are being
strengthened, the magazines filled with munitions
of war, and the powder-mills and arsenals kept
at work night and day. It would certainly
appear as if China means to make up for lost
time and be prepared for any emergency.The band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry
will play the following programme at the Officers'
Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, com-
mencing at 8 o'clock:—Overture "L'italiana in Algeri".....Rossini.
Song "The Flower Girl".....Gounod.
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Navy is not so well dependent on Japan for coal
as was declared, as China possesses
numbers of mines where fuel to any extent is
readily obtainable. A large and extensive coal
field in Shantung, known as the Chichuan and Chang-
chiu coal mines which, if well worked, can turn
out more and better coal than the Kailash mines.The Nagasaki *Rising Sun* of the 11th inst.
reports as follows:—The British four-masted
ship *Cardiff*, Captain Mitchell, arrived here
from Cardiff on Thursday last, with a cargo of
coal for the British Navy, consigned to Messrs.
Brown & Co., as agents for Messrs. James
Matheson & Co. This vessel's passage from
Cardiff to Nagasaki is said to be the shortest on
record, having been accomplished in the remark-
ably quick time of 106 days.In addition to the cargo of Cardiff coal recently
brought over from Shanghai by the British ship
Goshu, the British steamer *Cardiff*, the British
steamer *Cardiff* arrived at Nagasaki
from Singapore on the 4th inst., with a cargo of
4,000 tons of Cardiff coal for the Mitsui Bussan
Kaisha, which, says the *Rising Sun*, is being
partly landed at Nagasaki, and partly transhipped
into lighters for conveyance to the Sasebo and
Kure naval stations.THERE were very few cases at the Magistrate's
today and but for the *Sikh* case, Captain
Hastings would have had "a day off" as it
were. This *Sikh* business, which occupied him
the greater part of the day, resulted in the
accused being committed to stand his trial at the
next Criminal Sessions. A few revenue cheating
cases, a few petty assaults, and a few cases of
Gage Street gamblers and an illegal possession of
gun-powder made up the calendar. All, with the
exception of the modern Guy Fawkes, were let
down with small fines, but he rightly enriched
the magisterial exchequer to the amount of fifty
Mexicans.In their trade circular dated Newchwang, July
6th, Messrs. Sandline & Co. say:—After long
drought, shallow streams, diminishing stocks,
and rising prices of produce, we have been
visited by several days' rain, which has enabled
the bean boats to come down with full cargoes,
thus increasing stocks by over 100,000 piculs
and causing much enquiry for tonnage.We quote beans per picul 3.35
Bean cakes " " 4.70
Beans in port " " 4.60Vessels in port at night: *Kalou*, *Vitor*,
Yungking, *Hokumaru*, *Clara*, *Bahyan*,
Bylgia, *Alta*, *Mary*, *Roma*, *W. Stegford*.Arrivals to date are 185 steam and 21 sail,
against 148 steam and 12 sail last year.THE *N. C. Daily News* says that upon receipt
of the news that Russia had taken a determined
stand on behalf of China in the Shanghai
native papers, especially the *Hufo*, blamed the
magnates at Peking for having fallen into a trap.
Instead of asking the good offices of China's
best friend, England, they have asked Russia
to intervene, when all the time this last
named country has been looking with
eyes of a hungry hyena upon China.It is argued that if Russia takes the part
of China, it is sure to withdraw its troops, the *Tung
Hak* or Eastern Sea rebels would surely rise
again. These would be required to be put
down once more. Japan being prevented from
landing again in Korea, is China as sure that
she will be permitted to do so? If neither China
nor Japan be allowed to intervene in Korean
matters it is easy to see that China has given
that kingdom up to Russia.A TELEGRAM to a Vancouver contemporary,
dated London 23rd, says that the following details
of the mining disaster in Wales:—An explosion
occurred today in the Allon coal mine near
Pontypridd, Glamorganshire. Two hundred
men were underground at the time. As
soon as the shaft was fairly clear of dangerous
gases, a rescue party descended, but they found
their way barred by broken timbers and
wrecked machinery. Eventually they left the
shaft for the galleries, only to find the works so
badly damaged as to necessitate almost two
hours' delay in getting to the nearest entrance.
It is not known whether the rescue party reached
the surface. Crowds gathered rapidly at
nearby villages. Miners' wives and children
were there by the hundred awaiting the first
news from below, and making the usual dis-
tressing scenes. The first two reports brought
up from the mine were contradictory, but dissem-
inated a panic among the people, and with
two more rescue parties went down, and with
them a few more definite news could be got.
Then it was reported that two men had been
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M. G. Martlew, Mr. G. South's versatile
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audience, the Chairman commenced active
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received.Sergeant-Major Cox was the next to occupy
the boards, and delighted his audience with an
amusing medley of military songs which earned
for him an undoubted *encore*. He was quickly
followed by Mr. C. T. Robinson, who sang in
his usual inimitable style "They've all got 'em,"
and as an *encore* gave an exceedingly comical
rendering of "I could do with a bit" which
brought down the house. "The Green Land
of England" by Mr. Fitzmaurice, the
Undaunted, "Simon the Cellarer" by Sergeant
Harvey, A.S.C., "The King's Champion" by Mr.
Bridger, "The Village Blacksmith" by Mr.
Windgill, and a recitation by Mr. Gregson, of the
Naval Hospital, elicited loud and long-continued
applause, the first part of the lengthy programme
being brought to an uproarious conclusion by
Mr. Labell's rendering of "Valse."Mr. W. Farmer was the first to appear
after the interval, and gave a melo-
dramatic recitation which amazed the audience
and prompted the query—"Surely he's a
'pro'?" The next number on the programme
was supplied by Mr. Malcolm Duncan, a
debutant, whose rendering of "Up Comes
Jones" elicited loud applause. A prominent
figure throughout the second set in the first part
of the evening, Mr. C. T. Robinson, whose
appearance in "coaster" garb is always a signal
for roars of laughter and a guarantee of "Some-
thing worth having." The other items, contri-
buted by Messrs. T. Mitchell, Broad, Jarvis,
Windgill, Labell, Martlew, Bridger, Wilson and
Sergeant-Major Cox were all enthusiastically
received, and elicited so many demands for
encores that the worthy Chairman was unable to
bring to a close a most enjoyable entertain-
ment until midnight.During the evening sandwiches and refresh-
ments were handed round, and everything was
done by the members of this young and
deservedly popular club to make the entertain-
ment one of the successes of the season.A vote of thanks to the genial chairman, which
was carried by acclamation and immediately
followed by the singing of "God Save the Queen,"
brought one of the most convivial evenings spent
in the Warrant Officers' Club to a fitting
conclusion.THE following letter in reply to the special
report supplied to the Hongkong Government by
Dr. Hartigan and Cantile—which report, it is
only fair to mention, was practically endorsed by
Surg.-Col. Preston and Surg.-Capt. Westcott of
the Army Staff Corps—speaks for itself:—
Hongkong, 12th July, 1894.
J. J. Francis, Esq., Q.C., Chairman of Permanent
Committee.It is reported that the steamer *Felung*, which
has lately been firing the flag of the China
Merchants' Co., has been chartered by the
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for six months, to run in
the coal trade.A CHINESEMAN who was yesterday sentenced to
six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour as a
rogue and vagabond, hanged himself with his
belt in his cell in Victoria Gaol this morning.
An inquiry was opened by the Coroner this
afternoon.THE Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's steamer *Kumataka
Maru*, having been chartered by the Govern-
ment, has been temporarily placed in command
of a Japanese, *vice* Capt. J. Will, who remains
aboard in the Co.'s employ until the expiry of
the charter.SARFAZ KAHN, a private in the Hongkong
Regiment, committed suicide by shooting him-
self through the heart at the Kowloon Barracks
last Sunday night. It is stated that the receipt of
information that his wife had "sloped" with his
bitter enemy was the cause of the rash act. A
post mortem examination was held yesterday.THE correspondent of a native paper, resident in
Formosa, writes that the Governor of that island
has received special instructions to see that the
coast is thoroughly fortified, so as to prevent the
Japanese from repeating the French coup at
Fouchow. The forts have accordingly been
strengthened, a number of large guns placed in
position, and the troops considerably increased.A CORRESPONDENT writes to us from Tokyo on
the 10th inst.:—"The war fever is strong here
just now, and nothing but a campaign to drive
the Chinese out of Korea is talked about.
Judging from what I have seen and heard, there
is no doubt in my mind that if the Government
declares war the country will rise to a man. In
Tokyo especially Jingism is rampant, and if the
expected fight doesn't come off there will be
great disappointment."ACCORDING to the Shanghai morning paper it is
now known that Nich, the ex-Tsai of Shanghai
and Judge-designate of Chikling, has been
appointed Commissary-General for the island of
Formosa, and the Nanyang. The first-named
post has been given by the Throne on the
recommendation of Governor Shao of For-
mosa, and the last named in the instance of the
Nanking Viceroy. Nich will probably visit
Formosa soon. He has been excused by Impe-
rial decree from going up for audience at Peking.THE authorities who have so considerably
decreased that prisoners, when appearing as wit-
nesses in the local law courts, will henceforth
be permitted to wear private clothes, are entitled
to public thanks. At the Magistrate's this morn-
ing, when giving evidence in the *Sikh* case, both
Captain Crowe and his late chief officer
appeared in their own clothes. Only those who
have worn prison toggers are perhaps in a
position to appreciate this humane decision at
its full worth, but it is a substantial concession
to public taste and feeling all the same.INDICATIVE of the wonderful recuperative powers
of Hongkong is the fact that during the past
few days general business has been, if not
exactly lively, at least on the move and the "all-
gone" air that has been hanging like a shroud
over the town for months seems to be making
room for hope and renewed energy. The colony,
like Biblical Job, has had its day of affliction
and any sign of brighter times, chemical
though it be, is gladly welcomed.By the kind permission of Lt. Col. Barrow and
Officers, the Band of the Hongkong Regiment
will play the following programme in the Public
Gardens to-morrow evening, commencing at 9
o'clock:—March "Scotland Yard".....Clarke.
Overture "The Flower Girl".....Gounod.
Cradle Song "The Flower Girl".....Gounod.
Fantasia "The Flower Girl".....Gounod.
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The old French mail steamer *Vigo*, recently
purchased by the China Merchants' Coy. for
\$24,000 at Saigon, is fast being converted into
a bulk, for Amoy. There was an auction on
board her this afternoon when good prices were
realized and where after paying expenses for
alterations, etc., the Company will have a
net profit for the voyage.The *Vigo* is a fine ship, and the *Vigo* is
"constructed of the finest iron which builds
out into ships in the "good old days."
Her engines, which are over 32 years old,
are naturally obsolete, but her boilers were
found to be in fair condition, and the
might have run well enough for a while
longer. But freight to-day does not stand a coal
consumption of 50 or 60 tons a day with a cargo
of only 12,000 piculs, which was the *Vigo's*
carrying capacity. She was originally built for
a passenger steamer and her space was taken
up for her accommodation. She is now one of
the last hulks that connect us with the halcyon
days of the China-trade. Her boilers and copper
tubes fetched about 15,000.THE Foochow correspondent of the *N. C. Daily
News* writes on the 9th ult. as follows:—The
export to Europe of 2,336,000 lbs. against 570,000
lbs. to the same date last year. The sailing
steamers this week have been the *Bayern*,
Bahli, *Bahli*, and *Kintuck*. The past week
has been a quiet one in this market, buyers
having apparently nearly filled their orders for
early shipments. The settlements have been
limited to 39,000 half-chests of Congou and 4,000
half-chests of Souchong, included in which are
6,300 dust and broken leaf purchased chiefly by
Russian houses. As regards prices, medium
Panyongs may be quoted 5 mace lower, but
good medium tea of this district are firm.
Otherwise there is no change to note, though,
in the present quietness, there is no doubt a
general tendency towards easiness. The second
crop tea from Fokien, Panyong, Sney Kat and
Yungchow are now beginning to arrive. It is
estimated that the yield of first crop Congou will
be about 20,000 half-chests, or 5 per cent. larger
than last season. The arrivals of Congou to
date are 44,000 half-chests against 43,700
half-chests to the same date last year; the
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News* writes on the 9th ult. as follows:—The
export to Europe of 2,336,000 lbs. against 570,000
lbs. to the same date last year. The sailing
steamers this week have been the *Bayern*,
Bahli, *Bahli*, and *Kintuck*. The past week
has been a quiet one in this market, buyers
having apparently nearly filled their orders for
early shipments. The settlements have been
limited to 39,000 half-chests of Congou and 4,000
half-chests of Souchong, included in which are
6,300 dust and broken leaf purchased chiefly by
Russian houses. As regards prices, medium
Panyongs may be quoted 5 mace lower, but
good medium tea of this district are firm.
Otherwise there is no change to note, though,
in the present quietness, there is no doubt a
general tendency towards easiness. The second
crop tea from Fokien, Panyong, Sney Kat and
Yungchow are now beginning to arrive. It is
estimated that the yield of first crop Congou will
be about 2

of those fresh N. W. breezes which so frequently break the monotony of summer in 'heho. Today has been one of the hottest days on record so far, and is now clearing once more with a thunderstorm and heavy rain.

The new road past the East Fort has been closed to the public since the Vice-regal inspection, but the soldiers appear to be "as busy as bees" in getting the recently received guns mounted.

The arrival of the *Chen-yuen* from Weihaiwei at about 7 p.m. caused considerable excitement among the natives, who are all on the *qui vive*. The small gunboat *Chen-hai* left the inner harbour to meet her and, after communicating, passed out to the North. The *Chen-yuen* is taking coal here, it is said, and returning to Weihaiwei. That harbour is protected by a gun-vessel stationed at each entrance, which throws the searchlight on anything approaching. The reflections of these lights are often seen from our settlement hill. Whether war or peace is meant the Chinese appear to be in active preparation to meet the worst, and all the warships are being coaled and provisioned to meet any emergency. Since writing the above the *Chinglung* has proceeded on her voyage to Chemulpo.—*China Gazette*.

KUKIANG NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Kiukiang, July 5th.

The Municipal Council have decided to print another 100,000 of the first issue of half-cent stamps. They formerly announced in an advertisement that only 100,000 would be issued, of which a speculation in Kiukiang purchased 95,000, but finally relinquished. I think, 5,000 or 6,000 Applications for nearly 150,000 were received; the person referred to above received his full amount and others took a *pro rata* share of the remainder. There was a considerable amount of comment upon this proceeding, and the Council have decided to issue another 100,000 of the first or "Pagoda" stamp. I presume they will defend their action by stating that the announcement spoke of 100,000 of each denomination, and as the half-cent stamps were of two colours they are within their legal bounds in printing another 50,000 of each. At any rate it is very evident that this is an after-thought. How long will this stamp craze last? The Post Office will be able, doubtless, to keep up with the philatelist's demand.

We are anxiously looking to your valuable columns for news from the North. The present situation of China and her apparent inability to oppose the claims of an unimportant State like Japan should cover General Lord Wolsey's paper on Chinese military power with confusion. Well-informed and patriotic natives will be thoroughly disgusted at their Government's generalising against such corrupt officials who would not be surprised. A rebellion would stand a much better chance if more rapid means of communication and transit were in the hands of the people. The general bulk of them have no knowledge as yet of the difficulty between this country and Japan. Those who read the papers are confident that their country will soon dispose of her foes.

Information of outside affairs percolates very slowly. Recently when in the country I heard the natives discussing the subject of piracy. During the conversation one of them stated the remarkable fact that a steamer had been captured above Hankow and the foreign captain shot, and that the steamer had been lightened of its valuables, which were carried away in native boats. I had no doubt that the *Vamosa* piracy near Hongkong was referred to, and a diversion was created when I stated that had occurred a few years ago at sea, a long distance away.

Should a war break out and China be defeated by Japan, in process of time information will come to these parts and defeat will be transformed into victories in which the Chinese will have covered themselves with glory.—*N. C. Daily News*.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, July 5th.

The Railway Companies have issued the following notification:

"Owing to wash-out of earth-work on the railways, the ordinary train service cannot, for the present, be maintained, and through trains from Tientsin to Shan-hai-kuan and vice versa will be temporarily suspended.

"Trains to and from Tientsin, Tongku, Tongshan, and Kail-ping, are run daily; but intending passengers should enquire of the nearest station master as to service."

Considering we have had less rain than last year, I do not consider it is any credit to those who constructed the road, for with proper care and watching, there was no occasion to have any wash-out at all.

Yesterday, our American friends celebrated their "Glorious Fourth," but on account of the rain and the damp heat, it was not carried on as it has been in former years.

Count Cassini, the Russian Minister, is still the guest of the Acting Russian Consul. I learn he is awaiting the arrival of Mr. C. Webster from Peking.

Mr. G. Detring has not returned his duties as Commissioner of Customs at this port. He told that a meeting was held at the German Consulate last week, and amongst those present were Baron von Seckendorff, Messrs G. Detring, Sheng, the Customs Taoist, Loh Fong-luh, of the Viceroy's Naval College, Yin Chang, of the Imperial Military College, etc. At that meeting, I am informed, it was decided that on and after the 1st July, Mr. G. Detring had to resume his duties as Commissioner of Customs but up to date he has not taken charge. It is rumoured that this is on account of the Korean difficulties. It is a mystery I cannot solve, nor am I at liberty to present to the cat any further out of the bag. No doubt everything will come right in the end. One thing is certain that the Inspector General is not a man that will be fooled. He will have his own way, and I don't blame him.

The Peiho is well supplied with muddy water, which has risen six inches above the rate of 10 ft. and of late steamers had good tides to come up on. There has been from 11 1/2 to 13 feet; the latter was registered yesterday, so there has been very little discharging outside the bar. Steamers have made quick passages from the bar with full cargoes.

The Taku Tug and Lighter Company issued an "Express" yesterday, notifying the public that they would charge lighterage from Taku bar to Tongku wharf at \$0.20 per cask of 400 pounds. This I expect was on account of the Railway Companies sending out an "Express" for a tender of 15,000 casks of Portland cement, &c.

There is not so much talk just now of China and Japan; as I told you some time ago, there is still talk of sending Li, the Governor of Formosa, to Korea in charge of the Chinese forces there. Before proceeding to Korea, he will come to Tientsin to take his final orders from the Viceroy, but it is hoped that affairs will be settled, so that there will be no occasion to send Li to the front of the Morning Calm.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

ICHANG.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Ichang, June 30th, 1894.

The steamer *Changwo* arrived here on the 30th, direct from Shanghai. Several persons on board were sick with, it was feared, the plague, which is at present raging in Hongkong. Happily this was not realized.

The meeting of landholders held at the British Consulate on the 23rd was to elect a Committee to improve paths, roads, etc. which are in a shocking state. The thanks of the community are due to our energetic Consul, Mr. Brady, who is doing his utmost to improve the so-called Settlement.

We are glad to learn that the *Est* is again on her way to this port, which makes us feel more at ease. We have had no man-of-war here since the U.S.S. *Monocacy* left many months ago.

The weather in Ichang has been exceptionally hot for the month of June. A few days ago the thermometer registered 101° in a cool place outside the Custom House.

Owing to the strong current, business between Chungking and this port is very dull, and will continue so until the river falls.

Mr. Tatlock, a German merchant, left for Chungking on the 27th inst.—*N. C. Daily News*.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The population of Paris is 2,269,000. Modern bee-keeping has reached Egypt. The German Army has eight lady colonels. In Somersetshire a petroleum find is reported. Portugal has been declared free from cholera. At Manchester recently a Silk Textile Exposition was held.

Cholera has killed several rascals near Thon, West Prussia.

Pope Leo XIII. has just completed a book reviewing his Pontificate.

Camels are being largely imported into Australia for use in the gold fields.

A syndicate has been formed at Buenos Ayres to force up the premium on gold.

The Pope has consented to arbitrate in the existing dispute between Chili and Peru.

The Russian Government has a scheme to organize a Hebrew colony in South Russia.

O'Donovan Rossa has been addressing large audiences in Irish cities on his prison experiences.

Rio de Janeiro has 550,000 population and 2,040 police. Last year 10,340 arrests were made.

The shortage of the deposed manager of the Banco Provincial de Buenos Ayres is \$300,000,000.

A man while playing at cricket in Sheffield the other day was struck by a ball and killed instantaneously.

The body of the late Edmund Yates, editor of the *London World*, was cremated, in accordance with his desire.

The Cardinals who are assisting the Pope to prepare his jubilee encyclical declare that it will be his last document of the kind.

An elevated railway with novel features is planned for Vienna. The cars are to be suspended, instead of running upon ordinary rails.

It is about thirty miles across town in London, and for that entire distance there is said to be an unbroken line of residences and stores.

The Marquis of Lorne has got tired of politics and poetry and is now designing wall paper. He is evidently after something that will stick.

Railway employes in England are now instructed in first aid to the injured under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

An effort is being made in England to form a society with the object of preserving many of the species of South African antelopes, which are in danger of soon becoming extinct.

The Lords of the Admiralty have decided to spend £20,000 at once in deepening the channel of the Medway, so as to facilitate the passage of the largest ironclads to and from Chatham.

Another effort is to be made to recover the \$500,000 in gold which is supposed to have gone down with the British man-of-war *Hustler* over a century ago.

Dogs are slaughtered for culinary purposes in considerable numbers in Munich. The introduction of the custom in Bavaria is attributed to Italian labourers.

The renting of portions of the sidewalk in Paris to proprietors of cafés, who set out tables there, brings in a rental to the city of 900,000 francs a year.

A woman bicyclist, Signora Maria Forzani, recently rode from Turin to Milan, a distance of 150 kilometres, in eight and a half hours, rest included.

St. Winifred's, in North Wales, is in a state of great excitement over a dumb woman who has recovered her power of speech after bathing in the fountain there.

The interesting tale of the battle of Colouden—plot—which was found recently on the battle-field, turns out to be a distressingly modern article made in Germany.

It is estimated, figuring on the amount spent for bird food at the regular stores, that there are fully 100,000 pet birds in Paris, or one to every twentieth individual, including babies.

It is said that so much farm land in England has lately been allowed to lapse from cultivation that wild animals, which ten years ago were in danger of extinction, are now flourishing and increasing.

A recent sacrilegious theft at Notre Dame, Paris, has been traced to an extraordinary sect known as "Luciferians," or worshippers of Satan. The mother house of the order is near Fribourg, Switzerland.

Some valuable Scott manuscripts will come to the hammer at Sotheby's about the middle of June. The manuscripts consist of the whole of "Anna of Gerstein," and portions of "Waverley" and "Franklin."

Miss Ida Wells, the colored agitator against the lynching of negroes in the United States, addressed a number of members of Parliament and their wives on that subject at a breakfast in London on the 6th ult.

Quilts in financial trouble. Her furniture and other property have been sold at public auction in Florence, and her dogs are about all that she has left. Extravagant purchases are said to be the cause.

An English woman physician, Dr. Anderson Brown, has established an industrial farm for insubordinate women, an experiment that will be watched with interest by all students of social economics, as well as of the world of lay and order.

The average density of population per acre in London is 17.7, and the average death rate is 23.3 per thousand. In some parts of White-chapel, in the innermost region, the density of population is about 3,000 per acre, and the death rate is 41.4 per thousand.

The Congo Free State, which recently ceded a strip on its eastern border to Great Britain, is really a colony of Belgium, having a central government at Brussels, by which the affairs of the Free State are administered. Its area is estimated at 900,000 square miles, its population at 17,200,000.

There was great joy among the vegetarians in Germany last year over the fact that a vegetarian was the second walking match from Berlin to Friedrichshagen. The same vegetarian pedestrian was in the race this year, and was generally supposed that he would win the match again. But he was badly beaten by a "meat-eater."

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Chimneys date from 1347.

Rain falls in the Andes about once in seven years.

New York city has more Southerners than any city of the South.

Ivory false teeth have been found in the Roman cat-combs.

The English language is spoken at present by 115,000,000 of people.

The longest clock pendulum ever made is that of the Eiffel Tower, 377 feet.

There are about 185 cemeteries within the municipal limits of Philadelphia.

The first known sculptures and paintings were made in Egypt 2,100 years B. C.

The roar of the lion can be heard further than the sound of any other living creature.

The astronomical sum of the Egyptian and Assyrian military service was the chariot.

The formation in European armies is the two-rank line, introduced about seventy years ago.

Every Roman legion had about 500 horses for camp equipage, baggage and provisions.

Fasts of from thirty to forty days are of common occurrence among the religious fanatics of India.

About two-thirds of a pint of air is inhaled and exhaled at each breath of ordinary respiration.

The smallest bird in the world is the flycatcher of Cuba. It is one-third the size of the hummingbird.

Coffee was not known in England until 1641, when it was introduced as a "new and pleasant drink."

So varied is the climate of Mexico that all the products of the polar and tropical regions can be raised there.

The largest artificial stone in the world forms the base of Burdett's Statue of Liberty, Bedloe's Island, New York Harbour.

Venezuela is said to have fifty-six authorized national holidays each year. Mexico has thirteen, and Brazil twenty-two.

It is reckoned that in the Old World there are about 430 and in the New World at least 145 rivers which fall directly into the sea.

No receptacle has ever been made strong enough to resist the bursting power of freezing water. Twenty-pound steel shells have been burst asunder as if made of pottery.

The Soma cypress of Lombardy is said to be the oldest tree of which there is any authentic record. It is, according to historical authorities, known to have been in existence in 42 B. C.

The earliest detailed account of tobacco in our language is said by Mr. Arber to be from the *Plants* in 1577. It is not mentioned by Lyte (1597), but is in Dodoe's later work (1583).

The United States is the land of the united pair excellence. Out of every 100 persons of marriageable age (twenty years and upward) in this country 95 are married, 9 widowed and 5 single.

The average whale is from fifty to sixty-five feet in length and thirty-five feet in circumference. The jawbones are twenty to twenty-five feet long, and a tongue has been known to yield almost a ton of oil.

The total number of white convicts in penitentiaries in the United States whose birthplace is known is 28,440, composed of 13,715 native born and 14,725 foreign born, showing that more than one-half of all our white convicts are of foreign birth.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is a combination of two most valuable remedies, in a palatable and easily digested form, having great healing and strengthening properties, most valuable in Consumption and wasting diseases. Read the following:

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

16th July, 1894.—At 4 p.m.

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AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 8.30 p.m. previously. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1894.

Auctions.

AUCTION SALES AT THE VICTORIA HOTEL.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

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ONE THURSTON BILLIARD TABLE with BALLS, CUES, &c., Complete,

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TWO AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES by JACOB STRAHLE,

ONE LARGE COOKING RANGE,

TWO WOODEN PAVILIONS, &c., &c.,

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1894.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 269.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd day of July, 1894, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th July, 1894.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1894, at 3 P.M., by Order of the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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